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ONCE MORE IT LOOKS LIKE WAR.

Alarming Report That England Threatens Us.

NAVY DEPARTMENT ALERT.

Senator Cullem Says It Looks Very Much as If Great Britain Had Prepared an Ambush.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The Journal's Washington special says: The utmost gravity attaches to the report issued yesterday evening that a special meeting of the Venezuelan Commission had been called for to-day (Saturday). It was understood that the commission would not meet for ten days, or until its new quarters had been prepared. This call would indicate that some unusual crisis had arisen, necessitating a show of industry on the part of the five members of this important body. It is intimated that the action was taken at the imperative demand of President Cleveland, who has at least realized that the country had been lulled into a false sense of security by the dispatches of a hired agent of England who was sent here to sound public sentiment and to flatter the American people with dispatches printed in one of the London papers.

The five members of the Venezuelan Commission have been dwelling over their work, and have spent two weeks in a vain attempt to select their secretary. President Cleveland is indignant and irritated at the procrastination of these men from whom so much was expected. He admonished them indirectly last Monday, having special information as to the gravity of the impending British Admiralty action. A message from Ambassador Bayard is said to have contained a reference to the Trojan horse that deceived the people of Priam to such a degree that they drew its huge carcass inside the walls of their city and rendered its destruction inevitable. This allusion was made by Mr. Bayard immensely impressed the President, and special agents of this Government have been watching every movement of the squadron at Portsmouth; and the Navy Department has been receiving hourly telegrams regarding its intentions.

Senator Cullem, a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, was seen and declared unequivocally that within the last twelve hours the Venezuelan situation had assumed a new gravity, and that it now looked as if the United States was to be ambushed. He predicted that the Committee on Foreign Relations would be called together early in the week, and both Houses of Congress will make an effort to find out the true intentions of the English Government.

TO OVERAWE THE TURK.

Report That Uncle Sam Will Make a Naval Demonstration.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A dispatch to a local paper from Boston says: A naval officer who has just returned from Washington declares:

"There is absolutely reliable authority for the statement that the Administration has prepared a plan of campaign against Turkey to force the Government of that country to comply with the demands of the United States for indemnity for injuries to American property and for the future protection of American citizens within her domain. The authorities do not deny this statement, though they do not hesitate to say that no orders whatever have been issued to the vessels of the navy to carry out the plan into effect. Upon excellent authority it is stated that the Department of State has entered into correspondence with the foreign powers and that none of them will interfere.

The plan, as it is understood, it contemplates a naval demonstration against Turkey and perhaps an occupation of one of its cities. It has in view the concentration of practically the entire United States navy in Turkish waters. The real reason why Rear Admiral Buncie's fleet has been held at Hampton Roads instead of sailing about at Christmas time, as was the original intention, is because the authorities have considered the dispatch of the fleet to Turkey. The Asiatic squadron, as the Asiatic station, usually so prolific in movements, has not been heard from in several weeks. The Newark, in South Atlantic waters, was also talked of. The United States navy has made an imposing demonstration against the Turkish Government for the Turkish navy could not act effectively against it. It is certain that some decisive stroke is being considered. In any event, there are good reasons for believing that the Department of State will increase the European squadron by the New York and probably two other vessels. The intention is to make a demonstration to the Maine is regarded in this connection as significant."

REPORT FROM CARACAS.

Believed That England Has Designs on Venezuela.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says the recent war preparations in England were not made in anticipation of a conflict with Germany. A Paris cable dispatch reports that conceal designs upon Venezuela. This news has caused a great stir here. But another cable dispatch says the belief is general that the German boundary will be settled by the end of the year.

GEN. HARRISON ENGAGED.

He Announces That He Will Marry Mrs. Dimmick After Lent.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Gen. Harrison's Private Secretary, Mr. Tibbitts, gave the following information to the reporters at the Hotel Hamilton last night:

"Gen. Harrison authorizes the announcement that he and Mrs. Dimmick are engaged to be married, and that the marriage will not take place until after Lent." The Secretary refused to say anything further other than that ex-President Harrison would probably leave for Indianapolis on Monday, returning to Washington in time to argue the Stanford law suit. Mrs. Dimmick, to whom the General is engaged, is better known in Indianapolis than in New York. During the life of Mrs. Harrison, who was her mother-in-law, she lived in Indianapolis, and directed the household affairs of the White House during the period that Mrs. Harrison was ill and prior to her death. That Mrs. Dimmick was a favorite with the President is a fact which is not in doubt. At all state functions she received, with Mrs. Harrison, and acted in her place later when she was ill. It is understood that the step was not taken by Gen. Harrison without consulting his children. Mrs. Dimmick is 40 years of age, fair and a strikingly handsome brunette.

MAFIA CHIEF TORONTO.

No Question That the Prisoner Is the Head of Assassins.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The fact that Nicolo Toronto, one of the fourteen Italian counterfeiters arrested Thursday, is regarded as the chief of the Mafia, has attracted much attention to him. Counterfeiting is believed to be the least of his crimes. "He is the Chief of La Mafia," said Acting Capt. Thompson of the Oak Street Station yesterday. So says Agent Bagg of the Secret Service, who ran down the gang of counterfeiters and arrested Toronto and his wife. The detective says that there can be no doubt that Toronto is the head of the society of counterfeiters whose members so far have been only guessed, and which has been undoubtedly responsible for hundreds of assassinations of the country. "I caught him by surprise when I arrested him," said Bagg, "and he didn't have time to get away. He is a very clever fellow. He is now in the Federal Building, and the few that have been translated point clearly to the existence of the Mafia in this country, and to Toronto as its leader. Some of the letters come from Luserne, Pa., where there has been a regular epidemic of murder lately among the Italians."

Assistant United States District Attorney Hinton, while refusing to let the documents be sent, said that they contained many important secrets of the Mafia.

ELOPERS LEAD A SCHISM.

Elder Offord, the Shaker, Does Not Believe in Celibacy.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The two eloping Shakers, Elder Daniel Offord and Sister Mabel Franklin, from New Lebanon, are to play a prominent part in a new industrial community along Shaker lines, except that celibacy will not be practiced. Elder Offord, it is stated, believes that he has, after twenty-five years' study, discovered the cause of the decline of Shakerism, and now intends to lead his wife to a new community of social Shakerism in California. He will go in a body to California, and that many will desert the Shaker line, he believes. He is a native of Massachusetts, and in Connecticut, Ohio and Kentucky. He was a member of the North Family of Lebanon property outright, so that the reformers will have at least one member who is not a convert to the California enterprise.

TO KILL HER CHILDREN.

Mrs. Pauline Kappessen, Believed to Be Insane, Attacks Her Offspring.

"Unrequited love is the cause of it all. I loved my husband dearly and was true to him, but he wasn't true to me."

With tears in her eyes Mrs. Pauline Kappessen, 34 years old, made this statement at the City Hospital, Saturday. The woman was taken to the hospital in a carriage Friday night. She now occupies a cell at the hospital, and observation is being made as to her sanity. Friday night Mrs. Kappessen grew violent at her home, 1804 South Ninth street, and tried to kill her husband. She raised such a racket he had to overpower her and took her in a carriage to the City Hospital. Mrs. Kappessen is a wood-carver, was married over nine years ago, and is the father of four children. He says his wife imagines the things she says against him.

NOW WILL YOU BE GOOD?

Buffalo Wants American Commissioners Sent to Reprimand the Turk.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Last night in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. was begun what is intended by the ministers of this city to be a determined movement to suppress outrages by the Turks in Armenia. The meeting was held in response to a call issued by the League of public good. It was decided to arrange a number of simultaneous meetings, to be addressed by prominent men. Resolutions were adopted calling upon Congress and the executive branch of the Government to restrain the Turks from further outrages in Armenia and to send commissioners to Reimand the Turk.

DUESTROW LEGAL ARRAYS DIVIDED.

As to Whether the Defendant Should Be Put on the Stand.

HULDA WILL NOT ATTEND.

Gov. Johnson Says She Is So Ill That It Would Be Cruel to Have Her Journey to Union and Testify.

From a Post-Dispatch Correspondent.

UNION, Mo., Jan. 18.—The attorneys for the defense held a consultation last night upon the advisability of putting Duestrow upon the stand to his own defense, but the result was unsatisfactory so far as reaching any conclusion was concerned. The truth about this matter is that the lawyers are divided on this point. Some of them think it wise and others can only see harm in the venture. Considerable criticism was passed on them at the last trial for not producing the defendant, and they desire to avoid this in the present instance, and yet it is a desperate game, and too much is at stake to take the step without the greatest deliberation. Mr. Booth thinks it would be the best possible thing to do. He declares that no jury could listen to Duestrow under examination and reach any other conclusion than that he is innocent. He is unquestionably honest in his position, and is urging it with all possible force, but whether or not he will gain his point cannot be told as yet. The chances are that he will not. Mr. Nolan is divided on this issue, and great earnestness. His view of the matter is that it would be a fatal mistake. This is his argument.

If Duestrow should go on the stand and give absurd and irrational answers the state would say forthwith he was shamming, and would proceed to demonstrate it to their own satisfaction and perhaps the jury's. If he gave rational answers they would say: "There it is; he is as sane as any one."

Miss Hulda Duestrow, the defendant's sister, will not be here during the trial. She had been subpoenaed by the defense with a view to her testimony, but she will not appear. Her husband, Mr. Arthur Duestrow, has announced that she is so ill that it would be cruel to have her journey to Union after all the millionaire defendant will go on through his trial without the presence of a member of his own family. He has any of his kinsmen to encourage or assist him.

The State claims that the defense never did have any idea of putting Hulda on the stand, but merely had her subpoenaed to make a show of increased respectability. The defense continued the introduction of testimony this morning along the same track. The first witness was Dr. Louis P. Butler of Franklin County, who testified to various facts about Duestrow and his belief in his insanity.

John O. Clemens, bookkeeper in the Boatmen's Bank, told of meeting Duestrow in a barber shop on the morning of the homicide. He said that he saw Duestrow walking to a saloon together where Duestrow poured out a drink of whisky, but did not drink it himself. They talked for some time, and then Duestrow left.

Tom Lange, a farmer, testified that he had received orders from Duestrow to make a floral wreath for his wife's funeral. He said that he took place on Wednesday. He introduced to show that Duestrow could have been killed by any other man would be to have accompanied him to the benefit. On cross-examination the witness said he had seen Duestrow 100 times, but had never heard of anything peculiar about him.

Yesterday afternoon's testimony ran smoothly and rapidly along in about the same way as the testimony of the morning. William Heber, Secretary of the St. Louis Silverware Company, testified to having known Duestrow fifteen years. Witness had been with him at Elkhart Lake in the summer of 1884. He treated his wife there. He said that he never saw Duestrow take over five or six drinks at a time, and that he never saw him drunk. A few days before the Christmas of 1884 Heber met Duestrow on Broadway and went with him to a jewelry store, where he saw him take over five or six drinks at a time. The witness had also gone to school with Duestrow and he did not think that he was a drunkard. Heber's evidence was more favorable to the State than the defense, not only in the points given above, but on the question of his sanity. Heber said he never saw Duestrow take over five or six drinks at a time, and that he never saw him drunk. The court had no objection to this testimony. The defense did not object to it.



Called in From the New York Evening Telegram.

ANTHRACITE COAL TRUST.

Meeting of Operators Called to Reduce the Supply.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A movement is under way for the formation of an anthracite coal trust on the lines of the recently organized railroad rate trust, known as the Joint Central Selling Agency. A meeting of the anthracite coal companies is called for next Thursday, and each president is requested to bring with him the statistics of his coal tonnage for 1895, as prepared by Wm. Bailey.

OUTLAW LEADER KILLED.

Insulted and Fired at the Wrong Man and Was Shot Down.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 18.—Charles Gilbert of Fulton killed the leader of a robbers' band in Cedar City, opposite this place, in Calaway County, yesterday afternoon. Six men, who had been begging in the morning, began drinking in a saloon and insulted all who entered. Gilbert remonstrated their words and the leader, going outside, fired five shots at him. None took effect, and Gilbert, seeing a shotgun from behind the bar, killed the would-be murderer. In his clothes were found a complete set of burglars' tools, two revolvers and a quantity of powder and fuses. Four of his companions were caught and two of them had burglar's kits and revolvers. This pair, the dead man and the one

FAILURES CONTAGIOUS.

Five Firms Go to the Wall on Account of One Assignment.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 18.—The fifth failure consequent on the failure of Kneass, Butterfield & Co., the leather dealers, has been reported. Chas. W. Fink and Chas. H. Heilmann, trading as Hartly, Fink & Co., tobacco manufacturers, made an assignment. Liabilities are said to be at least \$50,000. Several judgments were entered and a sheriff's sale realized between \$300 and \$500 on the firm's assets.

BOERS WILL RESIST.

They Don't Want the Protection of Any Foreign Country.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

PRETORIA, Jan. 18.—It is officially announced that the Boer Government and the burghers will resist any form of foreign protection, either upon the part of Great Britain or any other country. They are firmly resolved to maintain the independence of the people of the Rand will be settled when the present excitement is abated.

PARTNERS' FATAL FEUD.

Paladino, Called King of Chicago Italians, Mortally Wounded.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—C. B. Paladino, "King of the Italians" of the Nineteenth Ward, and a prominent politician, was shot and fatally wounded by Angelo Liberatore, his business partner, in their saloon last evening. An old feud between the men and the cause was a quarrel over a woman. Paladino has alienated his wife's affections led to the quarrel.

COLD WAVE COMING.

The Mercury Will Fall Twenty Degrees by To-Morrow.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

The ear-muff vender will soon be on the streets again. For the last few days he has been forced out of business by the mild weather. Now Dr. Frankford has issued a straight tip on a cold wave. It is due to arrive here before Sunday morning. The weather boss gives it out as authentic that the mercury will tumble at least 20 degrees below zero by Monday morning. The city from the north. It may last one day and it may last two weeks, but it will get here Sunday sure, says the weather predictor.

This cold wave is not a new one," explained Dr. Frankford, "it is the same one that started down in this region early in the week. It was driven back by the approach of a storm from the warm regions of the Pacific Coast. But now that has passed, and the cold wave is bearing down upon us. It will embrace Missouri, Illinois and the entire Upper Mississippi Valley. A storm is raging out on the Pacific Coast that is a study. For several days it has hovered over California and Oregon, and seems to be stuck over there. It is attended with heavy rain and strong winds. It must have been a terror while it was on the coast. The coldest point in Minnesota, Manitoba, is below zero. At St. Vincent, Minn., it is below. All Northern Nebraska is having snow.

TEN WEATHER.

Light Rain or Snow Saturday Night.

Weather Bureau forecast.

For St. Louis and vicinity—Continuation of the storm from the west, with rain or snow; probably light snow Sunday; much colder.

Illinois—Generally fair to-night and Sunday, preceded by light rain or snow Saturday night; much colder to-night and Sunday; cooler to-night; colder in south.

The pressure is everywhere above the normal this morning east of the Rocky Mountains. It has risen west of the Mississippi River except in the extreme Northwest, and is higher in Manitoba. It has fallen generally to the eastward and is lowest in the Michigan Peninsula.

There have been local rains and snows in the Upper Lake region, the Upper Mississippi Valley and the Northwest. Elsewhere the weather is generally clear and cold.

CORRA'S QUEEN IS DEAD.

No Truth in the Story That She Escaped at Seoul.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from Yokohama, Japan, says: The Queen of Corea is certainly dead. There is no truth in the story that she escaped to the United States. She was killed by a bullet from a Japanese soldier.

HE ACTED LIKE A BATHERSKITE.

Judge Murphy's Unseemly Conduct Stamps Him as a Bully.

DISGRACED HIS OWN COURT.

While Beside Himself With Passion He Challenges a Defendant From the Bench to Fight a Duel.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

On Dec. 31 Frederick W. Brockman, President of the Board of School Directors of St. Louis, brought a civil action for damages against the Post-Dispatch, based on an article published in the Sunday Post-Dispatch of Dec. 28. On Jan. 3 the plaintiff appeared before Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Johnson, swore out a warrant against the city editor of the Post-Dispatch for alleged criminal libel.

The case was set for trial before Judge David Murphy in the Court of Criminal Correction yesterday. Defendant appeared in court at the appointed hour, accompanied by his counsel, Mr. Charles M. Napier. Affidavits setting forth that the defendant did not believe that he could get a fair trial before Judge Murphy and asking for a change of venue were then filed.

There were two affidavits and the change of venue was granted for one of the grounds "that the defendant is the city editor of the Post-Dispatch; that the Judge of this court is prejudiced against the paper and has expressed feelings of hostility to the same and to the editors and reporters thereof; that said paper has published articles containing the names of the plaintiff and his wife in interviews of persons who spoke derogatively of said Judge."

The justification for the application for a change of venue is clearly shown by the conduct of the plaintiff towards the defendant during the afternoon session. The scene was a disgraceful one. The plaintiff had taken place in the courtroom. The defendant was not before the court for anything. Judge Murphy's official position, as stated by Mr. Brockman's attorney, that "a city editor of a newspaper is responsible for his official position, but simply declared that his position made him responsible for their publication, a statement which was a direct insult to the plaintiff. Judge Murphy, instead of protecting the witness, took advantage of his official position to abuse and vilify him from the bench. He refused to hear the testimony of the defendant and the brutal profanity he used in his own court room, is without parallel.

After reading the affidavits Judge Murphy said he would hear the testimony of the plaintiff. The case was set for trial before Judge David Murphy in the Court of Criminal Correction yesterday. Defendant appeared in court at the appointed hour, accompanied by his counsel, Mr. Charles M. Napier. Affidavits setting forth that the defendant did not believe that he could get a fair trial before Judge Murphy and asking for a change of venue were then filed.

The case came up in regular order, the plaintiff's witnesses were sworn in and the afternoon, Judge Murphy, after again reading the affidavits, told defendant's counsel he was ready to hear the testimony of witnesses in support of it. Mr. Napier rose and addressed the court briefly, stating that he would stand by his witness. The court then produced a copy of the statute under which the plaintiff was suing. The object of the statute was to protect the plaintiff from the plaintiff. The court then took a step which, in the opinion of the lawyers, is without precedent in Missouri law tribunals. He said: "Then I will hear the testimony of this party who signed the application, in Charles E. Judin's name."

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the sources of the information as to that article. Now, this is not a prosecution matter, and I am not a prosecutor. I am another one, and for a different person. I don't think that we are trying a case of prosecution, and I don't think that we are, and therefore I don't see that there is any necessity to go into that. The point here is whether or not this gentleman has good reason to believe that the court would not—whether this allegation here is true—that he is whether or not this gentleman has the judges of this court and containing interviews of persons who speak derogatorily about the court. Now, I speak in this paper, there is the publication, and I have stated that I have not said that I refer to here now, that is the end of it. I am here going into a trial, as to where I am going to go. I am going to go to the Krum: "I want to show that there was any such interview as this."

"Why do you want to do a case? That makes it more reasonable the application should be granted."

"Now, don't you know," continued Judge Krum, as if delivering a court speech, "that Judge Murphy was in the battle of El Toro Knot, to which this statement of alleged refusal was recommended by the general in command of the force there to be President of the United States for protection of the country? That is the only reason upon the expressed ground of the 'safety' of his conduct on that occasion and the fact that he was a 'soldier' and a 'soldier.' Don't you know that to be a fact?"

"I never read any part of Judge Krum's statement," Judge Krum: "Except the one you got up in your own office, and called it his record?"

"That is the fact, that, if it is put in the shape of a question."

Judge Krum: "Well, is the court please, in the opinion of the witness, that he is a coward, and the reason why he will not

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subsequently he recruited into the 11th Cavalry and was killed in action while garrisoned out in '65." "I was so much for David Murphy's war history."

Then the records of the late unpleasantness show that Murphy was tried by a court martial during the war for killing a U. S. soldier who lived on a farm south of Union, Arkansas had a son about Murphy's age, who was killed in the cause of the Confederacy. The two men quarreled bitterly before they enlisted. They came to blows once and the soldier was killed. The feud was a blood between them. Barnes took up arms for the South and a little later he killed the fellow he had killed. The quarrel was arrested in St. Louis by order James O. Broadhead, who was then chief of the Freedmen's Bureau, but was subsequently revived. He went to his home, while Murphy was hanging about the Union, but having been sent out of the service by the military.

Here again Col. Maugh relates the events which followed.

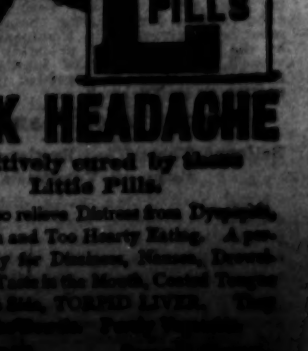
DEATH—On Friday, at 11 p. m., Augusta, Maryland, Mary Hecker, aged 81 years, beloved mother of Willis and Sadie, daughter of Elizabeth Hecker, sister of Mrs. Fred Hecker and Mrs. C. W. Flock, and Henry, Fred and Oscar Hecker, brothers.

Funeral on Sunday, at 2 p. m., from family residence, 613 Rutger street, to New Hope Cemetery.

ADOLESCENT—Annie Louella McLaughlin, on Jan. 17, aged 2 years, 4 months and 21 days, beloved daughter of John and Mary McLaughlin (née Durkin).

Funeral will take place Sunday, Jan. 18, 1950, at 2 p. m., from family residence, 4083 North Washington street, to Olivary Cemetery. Friends are invited.

WIFE OF DECEASED—Elizabeth Almonda, widow of C. A. Crane, C. P. A. of the Western Electric Company, died at her home, 1015 Oakley street, on Sunday, Jan. 15, 1950.

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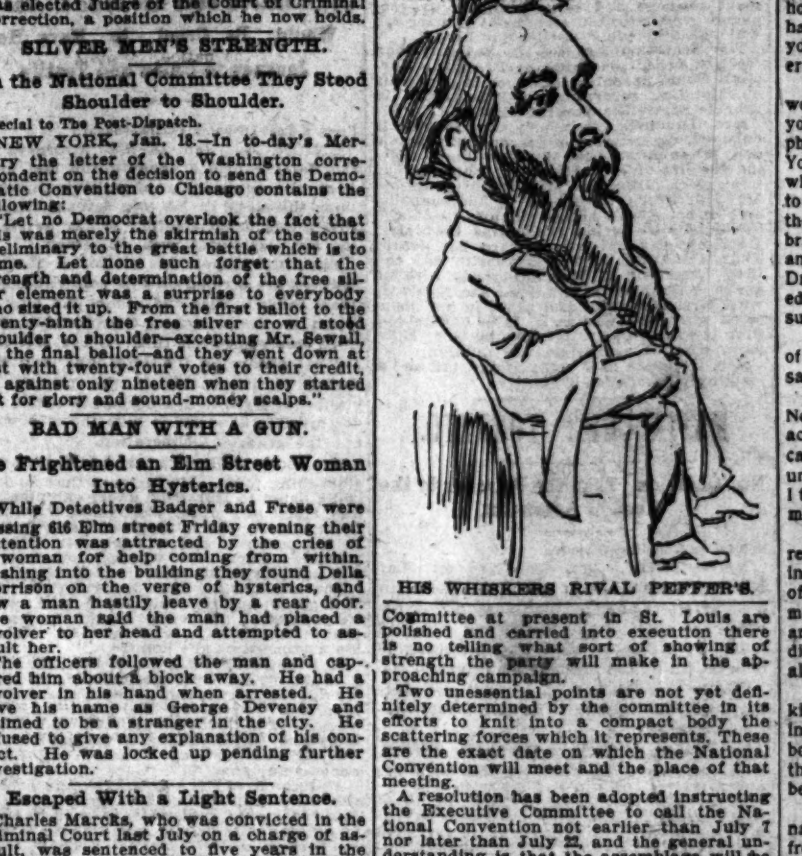
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ready to become members of our organization, to a separate convention in the same city and at the same time, that we shall fix upon, so that an ample effort may be made, by conference and agitation, without sacrifice of principle, to unite friends of financial reform in support of the same candidates for President and Vice-President.

Resolved, That in so great a work of unifying the people against their oppressors, no small or considerations should stand in the way; and therefore, hereby express our feeling that if in the time fixed by us for holding said convention or the place in which it is to be held, shall constitute an impediment to perfect co-operation amongst citizens at the ballot-box, that our Executive Committee shall have power to change said date and place; provided, that the said date not be to July 7, 1896, and not later than July 20, and that the place of meeting shall be such as to be not inconvenient to the body of our constituents; and any change, if made, shall be advertised within ten days from this date.

The time of the committee was taken up at noon Saturday listening to the arguments of the different cities desirous of securing the convention. J. F. Schullier and Henry poured out a flood of eloquence at Chicago, while Mayor Holland of Dallas, made a strong plea for the city in which he was elected to preside. John Crosby of Kansas City advocated the city of St. Louis and was in the midst of a burst of oratory when Schullier of Jackson interrupted him.

As far as I am able to glean from the remarks of the gentlemen who have been present," said Mr. Schullier, "the opinion prevails has yet been made. Boiled down the thing simply amounts to a lot of wind,

